

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and James City County invite citizens to a public meeting to discuss the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) to address fecal bacteria impairments in the Mill and Powhatan Creek Watersheds. Water quality monitoring indicates that bacteria levels in Mill and Powhatan Creeks violate Virginia's water quality standards for primary contact recreation. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the impairments was approved by EPA in 2009 and is available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/drftmdls/millpowec.pdf>

The Implementation Plans will identify ways to meet the pollutant reductions outlined in the TMDL study.

The first public meeting to begin development of the TMDL Implementation Plan will be held on:

Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 6:30pm

James City/Williamsburg Community Center Meeting Rooms A & B

5301 Longhill Road

Williamsburg, VA 23188

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed reductions in bacteria needed in the affected watersheds and to solicit public participation for the IP development.

The IPs will include the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and the associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts. The IPs will also provide measurable goals and a timeline of expected achievement of water quality objectives. A fact sheet on the development of the IPs is available upon request.

How to comment: The public comment period on the development of the IP will end on July 17, 2009. Oral comments will be accepted and addressed at the public meeting. Additional questions or information requests should be addressed to Jennifer Howell. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Jennifer Howell at DEQ or Jennifer Tribo at HRPDC:

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